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MINUTES OF MEETING: June 03, 2008

LOCATION:

Otay Water District Headquarters
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Training Room, Lower Terrace

San Diego County
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 P.M. J.L. PHILLIPS, presiding Chair.

Members present: Brennan, Brownlee, Chapman, Collier, Fitchett,
Henderson, Hewicker, Hyatt, Manning, Millar, Mitrovich, Phillips, Reith
Not present: Ripperger, Wollitz

2. **FINALIZE AGENDA:** To be heard as published.

3. **OPEN FORUM:** Carl Meyer (Potrero Planning Group) representative of Potrero PG: Informs Valle de Oro PG of impending Mass Transit Planning Meeting to explore planning for such public service. J'osan Feathers (4025 Corte Tierra Alta, L.M. 91941) applicant to fill Seat #3 currently open on VDOCPG. She will be unavoidably out of town on June 17, 2008, when VDOCPG will select an applicant to fill Seat #3. Announces her application to fill Seat #3, and formally submits her letter of application for that position, dated June 3, 2008.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 06, 2008. VOTE: 8-0-5 to approve minutes.
(Chapman, Fitchett, Hyatt, Millar, Reith abstain)

5. **LAND USE:**

- a. **P96-011W2M9:** Modification of Use Permit for YMCA structure to be located on southwest end of the Rancho San Diego Town Center (south-east corner at Jamacha Rd/Campo Rd intersection). Length of building reduced by about 16 feet; height reduced by about 15 feet; exterior walls raised about 2 feet to screen rooftop equipment; outdoor pool moved to previous site for Sheriff substation (land swap).

FITCHETT introduces project.

Bruce Robertson (2442 Second Ave., S.D. 92101) applicant representative: Reviews nature and history of project. Some modifications have occurred since project was approved. Bldg. location has moved; and Vestar developer sold a different lot to YMCA for suitable building site on Campo Rd. Skateboard site is still in our plan, but not in immediate future. Removed the pool location to a planned new lot (leased); pool is in planning stage, and may be glass-enclosed. That will become a separate part of our plan, to be heard by the PG at a later time. A/C design has been changed; and that will reduce noise and add more suitable controls.

Discussion follows, during which Mr. Robertson answers questions from the Group and audience.

FITCHETT moves to recommend approval of these project modifications as presented. (Mitrovich seconds)

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VOTE: 13-0-0 to approve Fitchett motion.

- b. **V08-007:** Variance request to reduce rear yard setback from 40' to 25' for 198 sq. ft. addition (close in porch) at 5090 Mt. Helix Drive. CHAPMAN explains this request. Sees no problem in granting this variance. Lot design is peculiar. This case will not set a precedent in the neighborhood. Circulates a copy of lot plot plan. Joanne P. Cohen (5090 Mt. Helix Dr., L.M) owner: Feels there is no problem with this variance. Believes affected neighbors have signed their approval.

CHAPMAN moves to recommend approval of variance, V08-007. (Millar seconds) Discussion follows. VOTE: 13-0-0 to approve Chapman motion.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chair reviews what new County staff has done on GP 2020 Land Use modifications. It appears that any developer or persons of special interest can suggest changes they desire, while the Steering Committee is being ignored. Some serious battles with Co. staff over these problems will probably result.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:40 P.M.

Submitted by: G. Collier

Outgoing scribe

Valle de Oro Community Planning Group
Board of Directors,

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I am applying for a vacancy on the Valle de Oro Planning Group. I am a registered voter in the Valle de Oro area. I am aware that the term for this position will end in January 2009 necessitating election in November 2008 in order to retain the seat. I have been attending the Valle de Oro planning group meetings regularly for more than a year and I have been impressed by the level of dedication, professionalism and efficiency this group has exhibited.

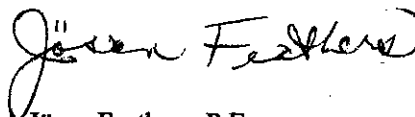
I believe my background as a Registered Civil Engineer will make me an excellent addition to the group. Throughout my career with CalTrans and State Parks I have been involved in planning and land use issues as well as minimizing project impacts to the community and our natural and cultural resources. As a Mitigation Engineer with Caltrans in the Environmental Stewardship Section, I acted as a liaison between the engineers and the resource staff to mitigate any project impacts while obtaining regulatory permits and enforcing the terms of such permits. With both CalTrans and State Parks I developed a healthy respect for the preservation of our resources while balancing the need for infrastructure and facility development.

On the community level, I volunteered my engineering experience to testify several times on behalf of the Shade Road residents to keep their residential street from becoming a thoroughfare many years ago. I also was a founding member in 2002 of the San Diego Chapter of the US Green Building Council (USGBC) and served on their Board of Directors for 5 years. Currently, I serve as the Committee Chair for USGBC's Emerging Green Builder's local Annual Design Competition organizing and administering the event while working with architectural, engineering and other students and young professionals throughout San Diego County to educate them about "sustainability". The local winner will compete at the National USGBC Convention in Boston in November 2008.

After nearly 30 years of California State Service I have set a retirement date of August 1, 2009. Over the next 15 months, I plan to increase my involvement in the community so that I may gracefully transition from a dedicated civil servant to a community volunteer and continue my pursuit of preserving our neighborhood and region as an excellent place to live.

Please notify me if you would like some references, need more information or would like to discuss my qualifications or this position in greater depth. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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